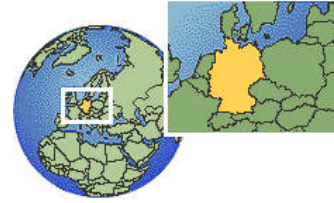




Schedule for Gymnasium Ochsenhausen's Visit 2009



May 12, Tuesday, 11:30 pm – Welcome at the Medford Airport: the German students will arrive at the Medford Airport at **11:43 pm** on **Flight UA 6244**. Please arrive at the airport by 11:30 pm so I can hand out any updated information and we can get organized with our welcome signs. Because of the late hour of the groups' arrival, parents should not feel obligated to come to the airport. After getting a quick picture and picking up luggage, everyone will head home for as much sleep as they can get.

May 13, Wednesday, 8:00 am – Welcome at Morning Meeting: Be sure to arrive punctually for morning meeting so you can introduce your exchange student to the school. After morning meeting, St. Mary's students will head to class, and the German students will gather for an orientation session in the library computer room. They will all receive a packet at this time with a map of the school grounds and their schedules. We will also go on a quick tour of the campus to familiarize them with the layout of the classrooms. Because of class size restraints, your student may not be able to attend all your regular classes, but most likely will shadow you at least half the day. Plan to meet your German students back at the computer lab after their orientation so you can escort them to their first class of the day. I will give all the students two copies of their schedule so you will know where they are each day, and I will also give them a copy of your schedule. Try to check in regularly with your student throughout the first day even if you don't have many of your classes together. Plan to eat together on the first day – and most days, unless the group is gone on a field trip.

May 13, Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 pm – Welcome Barbecue at St. Mary's: The program will provide the meat, tableware, and drinks. Please remember to bring your side dish, salad or dessert. This is a mandatory event for all students, and I hope to see as many parents there as possible. Please remember to email me how many in your family are attending and what you will bring.

May 16, Saturday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Crater Lake: We will meet at St. Mary's at **8:00 am** to board the bus for Crater Lake National Park. First we will stop at Mill Creek Falls in Prospect for a short hike before continuing on to Crater Lake where we will tour the rim, learn a little about the geology, and go sledding if the weather and temperature allows. On the way home, we will stop in at Becky's Café and then walk over to view the Rogue River Gorge. Students must have warm boots for this trip and should bring warm layers (sweaters, gloves, hats, jackets, etc.) as well **sunscreen**. Please bring a **sack lunch, water bottle and snacks**, as well. Cost for the trip will be **\$15.00** to pay for the bus, and students should bring spending money for Becky's - **\$5.00** should do. We will return to St. Mary's by 5:00 pm.

May 18, Monday, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm – Rogue Rock Climbing Gym: The Exchange students will travel by bus to the Rogue Rock Gym where they will receive climbing instruction and try out their climbing skills. The students have all brought waivers from home, so host parents don't need to worry about liability. The German students will return in time for the afternoon classes.

May 20, Wednesday, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm – Wildlife Images: The German students will depart St. Mary's at 10:00 and drive to Grants Pass for their tour of Wildlife Images from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. They will either eat their lunch at nearby White Horse Park or in the bus, and then return to school in time for early dismissal. Please send a **sack lunch** with your student for this field trip.

May 22, Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm – Rafting the Rogue: The German students will be picked up by their rafting company, Momentum, to raft the section of the Rogue directly above Gold Hill (the Powerhouse section, for those of you familiar with the river). Momentum will provide the group with warm clothing in the event of chilly weather, as well as a snack. However the students should bring a **sack lunch** for this trip. Once again, the students have all brought waivers from home, so host parents don't need to worry about liability. The group will return in time for regular release.

May 23, Saturday, 8:00 am to 11:00 pm – Field trip to the Redwoods and Crescent City Beach (pickup in Grants Pass at Fred Meyer at 8:45 am): We are leaving early so we can make the most of this short day at the coast. We'll hike in the Redwoods near Crescent City, play on Crescent City beach, explore local tidal pools, and then end the day with pizza at Wild River Pizza in Cave Junction. We will drop Grants Pass students off at **10:15 pm** at the Fred Meyer parking lot, but parents must be on time so we can get the rest of the crew home to St. Mary's by **11:00 pm**. Cost for the trip will be **\$25.00** for the bus. (You are only responsible for the \$25.00 if your own student comes. The Germans have already paid for all field trips.) **Students should bring a sack lunch and snacks, a water bottle, hiking shoes, warm layers, hat and gloves if the weather calls for it, and \$10-15 for dinner in town and possibly bowling if the weather is bad.**

May 27, Wednesday, 9:15 am to 5:00 pm – Ashland and *Macbeth* at OSF: The German group will depart from St. Mary's School at **9:15 am** for Ashland. First, they will explore the city and Lithia Park before heading to the Cain's home for a wonderful lunch provided by Rob Cain. Next they will attend a **prologue for the play at 12:30 pm**. The performance begins at **1:30 pm**, and you can plan on picking up your exchange student at **5:00 pm at St. Mary's**.

May 27, Wednesday, 8:00 am – Farewell at Morning Meeting: The German students will say their farewells at Wednesday morning meeting with a brief PowerPoint. Unfortunately, they can't present on Thursday because of the Senior Project Presentations.

May 28, Thursday, 5:00 to 7:00 pm – Farewell Party: The location for this is currently undetermined, but if you would feel comfortable hosting it, please let Frau McCreedy know. The German Club will again provide tableware, hamburgers, hot dogs, and Gardenburgers. I would ask that you send your students with **chips, drinks or desserts**. This is typically a student affair, but parents are also welcome to attend. Your student will receive a separate handout on the Farewell party with a map and directions once the location has been determined.

May 29, Friday, 4:30 am – Departure from the Medford Airport – students must be at the airport no later than **4:30 am** for their flight at **6:00 am** on **UA 6245**. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused by their early departure. We can arrange for students to stay with families in Medford to mitigate any hardships on those who live far away.

In case of questions call: Debora McCreedy at 779-4585
(or)
Anja Alles or Henri Hermann at 899-1218 (at the home of the Batzers)



Telephoning to Germany: To make your calls to Germany cheaper, I would encourage you to use the 10-10-987 prefix. Students will then need to dial the international code (011), the code for Germany (49), and then drop the zero at the beginning of their German phone number. They should also keep in mind that it is nine hours later in Germany. Following is an example of how to call to Germany. **For example: 10-10-987-011-49 + 7354-943852**